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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the patent application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 1, line 7, please substitute the following paragraph under the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications":

This application is a continuation-in-part of US Patent Application No. 10/256,949 entitled "SYSTEM FOR AWARDED A BONUS TO A GAMING DEVICE ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK" filed September 27, 2002, which claims priority to provisional application US 60/326,030 entitled "SYSTEM FOR AWARDED A BONUS TO A GAMING DEVICE ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK" filed September 28, 2001, the contents of which are hereby incorporated herein for all purposes.

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